

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(b)(i), please insert the following paragraph at the beginning of the application (i.e., page 1, line5):

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Serial Nos. 09/668,755 and 09/668,756, both of which were filed on September 22, 2000, and which are respectively entitled "Reversible Shank for Hitch Mounted Accessory Carriers" and "Reversible Angled Shank for Hitch Mounted Accessory Carriers". The specifications for both of these applications are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully rewritten herein.